

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

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AND will you put me upon a Proof, Gentlemen, that our *High-Flying* Gentlemen would be fatal to the Nation; whether shall we go for the Vouchers? And how many Books shall I quote? Indeed I shall go no farther back into Antiquity, than the History of our own Times, and for Authors I have the great universal Volume, which is to be found in every Man's Head, I mean the Memory; there I am sure it must be Recorded, and nothing can deface it; there you will find, that not the Men only have appear'd the Actors and Contrivers of our National Confusions, but even the Nature of their Actions has had a direct Tendency to the Destruction of Peace and the heightning our Animosities.

Let them stand forth by themselves or their Champions, and tell us whenever any thing was proposed for the Nations Establishment, for the reconciling Differences, the Uniting us in Affection, and promoting Peace and Liberty, but this Party opposed it.

Let them shew us whenever any Attempt has been made for our Dividing, for ruining our Establishment, overthrowing our Foundation, but they had a hand in it; shall I recapitulate these things a little, to help the Memory of those that study to forget?

Who were they that first flew in the Face of the Interest of Liberty, and industriously sought and suck'd the Blood of those Patriots of England's Safety, that opposed a Popish

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Successor, that boasted of their Loyalty, at the expence of their Countries Destruction, and branded those with the Name of Rebels who espoused Liberty; who, but the *High-Flyers* and *Tories* of that Age?

Who were they, that advanc'd first the Doctrine of absolute Subjection to Arbitrary Sovereigns, and having brought their own Tyrant in to the folly of trusting them, were the first that betray'd them? But *High-Flyers*:

Who were they that having joyn'd in the Deposing their own Monarch, and consequently their own Doctrine, return'd to the Vomir, and pretended to espouse their former Principle, because they mist the Occasion of erecting their own Tyranny in its room? Who were, then but the *High-Flyers*?

Who were they that Damn'd King William after they had taken the Oaths to him, absolv'd his bloody Assassins without repenting of their Crimes, repin'd at his Victories, rejoyc'd at his Disasters, Confederated in affronting him on all occasions, and triumph'd in his Death? But *High-Flyers*:

Who were they that vallu'd themselves, on having sold the Horse that threw down the KING; that bought that Horse again, and keep him to this Day as a Relic; That drink the stumbling Beasts Health among the Healths of their Party, and declare they would have been content to have been turn'd into a Horse, to have had the Honour of destroying King William; who are these, but known *High-Flyers*, who are still Rampant among us, and have Names by which they may yet be call'd to defend those horrid parts of their Christian Behaviour?

Who were they, that in the first Year of the Queen's Reign, fancied the Restauration of all their abominable Practices was come to pass, that commenc'd the Primitive Temper of their Party, and fell to bullying the Dissenters; that mistook their Sovereign, and when the QUEEN told them, Those that were most Zealous for the CHURCH should have most of her Favour, fancied nothing could be Zeal but rising their Neighbours, that hung out bloody Flags and declared for treating the Dissenters the SHORTEST WAY; that Redif'd the May-poles all over England,

and began to restore Drunkenness and Debauchery for the Establishment of the Church—Who were these but the *High-Flyers*?

Who were they, that when they found themselves deceiv'd in their Misconstruction of the Queen, and that her Majesty was so far from the Principle of Persecution, that on the contrary she pressed and exhorted them to Peace and Union, promised them to maintain inviolably the Tolleration, took their turn with the Queen, flew in the Face of her Majesty and her Authority, reproach'd the Queen with abandoning the Church, charg'd the Bishops with Presbyterianism, and damn'd Moderation as a Phanatick Plot; These were original *Tories*, and meer native *High-Flyers*.

Who were the Authors of the Church-Memorial, and that insolent Notion that the Church was in Danger, insolent as it was founded on the Suggestion of its being forsaken by the Queen, abandon'd by the Bishops, and betray'd by the Nobility? But *High-Flyers*.

Who were they that formed the Occasional Bill, that hatch'd it at Coventry, lick'd it into Shape at Oxford, set it up to scare the Crows in one Parliament, dress'd it *a-la-merry Andrew* in a second, and tack'd it to their Cause in a third, where they both fell together, dy'd and were bury'd, and can never rise more; but when God for our Correction shall be pleas'd to plague us with National Confusions? *Who were these but High-Flyers*, who for this were spued out by their Native Country in the next Election, their Actions had given even the Church itself a Surfeit of them, and they found the Men of Honour, Honesty, Morals, and Sence in the whole Church of England sick of them. From whence it came to pass, that very few of them got into the next Parliament, and they have been so ashamed of their Cause, that they never started it again. These were all *High-Flyers*, but by this eminent Piece of Knight-Brantry they obtain'd the Additional Honour of TACKERS, a Name which being mingled with the Scandal of their Actions, became as it deserved a Test of a K—e, and has obtain'd a due Contempt from all that love, the Liberty of their Country, or the Establishment of Peace in this Nation. The

These are those we call *Takers* and *High-Flyers*, of whom I have been very forward to move you to make a new Experiment, and choose them for your Representatives; and now, Gentlemen, you that are so weary of *Whigs*, that are loading the *Whigs* with Mismanagements, and endeavouring to bring all our Disasters to their Door, that want Changes in the Ministry, and to have the Pleasure of seeing your Friends exposed; it cannot but be for your exceeding Advantage, now your Elections are in hand to choose a Set of these Men, and see how you can work with them.

These are rare Fellows for the Propagation of the present Affairs. First, they will admirably fortify *Scotland* against the Return of a *French* Invasion; it is most evident by the very Aspect of their Faces, in which was to be seen the plain Flux and Ebb of Joy, the Returns and Intermissions of their Smiles, and the Quickness or Dulness of their Thoughts, just as the News of the *French* landing in *Scotland* appear'd probable or improbable; the Sympathy of Parties had that exact Influence between them, that taking a *High-Flyer* by the Wrist, and feeling his Pulse in a Morning, you might by the Circulation of his Blood, the Highness or Lowness of his Spirits have known, whether their Cause was ebbing or flowing, and what the last News he had heard of the *French* was? These therefore must be useful Men to be chosen to sit in the next Parliament, no Body being so able to bring the Affair of the Invasion to an End *the shortest way*.

And what shall we say now to *Whigs* that are busie soliciting for such People as these that are dividing their Interest, and halving their Poll, that vote for *Michael* here, and *Saban* there; that choose a two-arm'd Chair here, a black Hog there; and why not my Lords Shock Dog, pray? Who perhaps might make as proper a Representative, especially if we consider the People who are to be represented, as any of them.

I might go on to give you the two or three last Years History of *High-Flyers*, while they have been in their afflicted State, while they have been struggling with the Shackles and Fetters of the Law, and groaning under the Intollerable burthen of National Liberty. How they have dolefully harrang'd upon our Misfortunes, and beg'd to have our Ministers of State remov'd, because they kept their honest Men out.

I might trace these Gentlemen into their secret Clubs, and expose the Schemes they lay there, to embarrass, divide, dishonour, and perplex the Government; I might give you there *Te Deum* or their Exaltation, their Song of Joy, which they sung to Musick at the Tavern, not far from *Blomsbury*, for the relief of *Tboulon*, their *Hurra*, a Catch sung with the Health to the Duke of *Berwick* at the same Houle, and at another near the *Temple*, after the Battle of *Almanza*, in which that General was particularly ador'd, for his giving no Quarter for near 2 Hours upon the Place of Battle.

Ye are mistaken, Gentlemen, if you think I have been saying all this, and do not know my self what a *High-Flyer* is; Yes, Gentlemen, I know so much of them as makes me wonder, when I reflect how easie you are to be wheedled into a Value for them, how easie and how apt you are to abound in Charity to these Monsters, and want Charity to those that serve and defend you; but those that can abuse their Benefactors can never want Business.

I could descend from these Particulars to innumerable others; Time, Room, and Opportunity would fail me, to tell you of all their absurdities, their City madness, their Country Madness, their Church Follies, their Bench of Justice Follies, their Convocation Follies, their Parliament Follies, their whole Practice has been a State-Lunacy, and you must be all Lunatick, if you choose them,

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But whereas some unconcern'd Persons may make Objections against us, that it is an unfit time to propose to pay old Debts in the midst of such an expensive VVar; it is answer'd, that this is not propos'd any other way, but without clogging her Majesty's Revenues, or taxing the Subject; and if these Debts can be thus paid, and a great many distressed People reliev'd, it will be for the Glory of her Sacred Majesty to pay the Debts of three Reigns in the midst of such a chargeable War, and it will bring Credit to the Nation, and make us formidable to our Enemies, who cannot buy Bread for their Soldiers, when we pay old Debts.

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